

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (New) A method in a task delegation system for delegating a task, the method comprising:

receiving from a project manager client an indication to delegate a task to a first resource client;

upon receiving from the project manager client the indication to delegate the task to the first resource client,

recording in a storage medium the delegation of the task from the project manager client to the first resource client; and

sending the first resource client an indication of the delegation of the task to the first resource client;

receiving from the first resource client a request to delegate the task to a second resource client; and

upon receiving the request from the first resource client to delegate the task to the second resource client,

recording in the storage medium the request from the first resource client to delegate the task to the second resource client;

sending the second resource client an indication of the request from the first resource client to delegate the task to the second resource client; and

sending the project manager client an indication of the request from the first resource client to delegate the task to the second resource client.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the indication sent to the second resource client is a request to accept or refuse the task delegation requested by the first resource client.

21. (New) The method of claim 19 further comprising:

receiving from the second resource client a rejection of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client; and

upon receiving from the second resource client the rejection of the delegation request,

recording in the storage medium the rejection, by the second resource client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client;

sending the first resource client an indication of the rejection, by the second resource client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client; and

sending the project manager client an indication of the rejection, by the second resource client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client.

22. (New) The method of claim 19 further comprising:

receiving from the second resource client an acceptance of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client; and

upon receiving from the second resource client the acceptance of the delegation request,

recording in the storage medium the acceptance, by the second resource client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client;

sending the first resource client an indication of the acceptance, by the second resource client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client; and

sending the project manager client an indication of the acceptance, by the second resource client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client.

23. (New) The method of claim 19 further comprising:  
receiving from the project manager client a rejection of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client; and  
upon receiving from the project manager client the rejection of the delegation request,  
recording in the storage medium the rejection, by the project manager client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client;  
sending the first resource client an indication of the rejection, by the project manager client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client; and  
sending the second resource client an indication of the rejection, by the project manager client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client.
24. (New) The method of claim 19 further comprising receiving from the project manager client an approval of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client
25. (New) The method of claim 19 further comprising receiving from the project manager client an authorization for the first resource client to delegate the task to another resource client.
26. (New) A computer-readable medium whose contents cause a computer to:  
receive from a first resource client a request to delegate a task to a second resource client, wherein the task was previously delegated to the first resource client by a project manager client; and  
responsive to the request from the first resource client to delegate the task to the second resource client,

send the second resource client an indication of the request from the first resource client to delegate the task to the second resource client; and  
send the project manager client an indication of the request from the first resource client to delegate the task to the second resource client.

27. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 26 further comprising contents that cause the computer to record in a storage medium the delegation of the task from the project manager client to the first resource client.

28. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 26 further comprising contents that cause the computer to, responsive to the request from the first resource client to delegate the task to the second resource client, record in a storage medium the request from the first resource client to delegate the task to the second resource client.

29. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein the indication sent to the second resource client is a request to accept or refuse the task delegation requested by the first resource client.

30. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 26 further comprising contents that cause the computer to:

receive from the second resource client a rejection of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client; and  
responsive to the rejection by the second resource client of the delegation request, send the first resource client an indication of the rejection, by the second resource client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client; and  
send the project manager client an indication of the rejection, by the second resource client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client.

31. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 further comprising contents that cause the computer to, responsive to the rejection by the second resource client of the delegation request, record in a storage medium the rejection, by the second resource client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client.

32. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 26 further comprising contents that cause the computer to:

- receive from the second resource client an acceptance of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client; and
- responsive to the acceptance by the second resource client of the delegation request,
  - send the first resource client an indication of the acceptance, by the second resource client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client; and
  - send the project manager client an indication of the acceptance, by the second resource client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client.

33. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 32 further comprising contents that cause the computer to, responsive to the acceptance by the second resource client of the delegation request, record in a storage medium the acceptance, by the second resource client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client.

34. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 26 further comprising contents that cause the computer to:

- receive from the project manager client a rejection of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client; and

responsive to the rejection by the project manager client of the delegation request,  
send the first resource client an indication of the rejection, by the project  
manager client, of the delegation request from the first resource client  
to the second resource client; and  
send the second resource client an indication of the rejection, by the project  
manager client, of the delegation request from the first resource client  
to the second resource client.

35. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 34 further comprising  
contents that cause the computer to, responsive to the rejection by the project manager  
client of the delegation request, record in a storage medium the rejection, by the project  
manager client, of the delegation request from the first resource client to the second  
resource client.

36. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 26 further comprising  
contents that cause the computer to receive from the project manager client an approval of  
the delegation request from the first resource client to the second resource client

37. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 26 further comprising  
contents that cause the computer to receive from the project manager client an  
authorization for the first resource client to delegate the task to another resource client.

38. (New) A task delegation system comprising:  
a means for receiving from a first resource client a request to delegate a task to a  
second resource client, wherein the task was previously delegated to the first  
resource client by a project manager client; and  
responsive to the request from the first resource client to delegate the task to the  
second resource client,

- a means for sending the second resource client an indication of the request from the first resource client to delegate the task to the second resource client; and
- a means for sending the project manager client an indication of the request from the first resource client to delegate the task to the second resource client.